

Commercial Building Front  
226 Meeting Street  
Charleston  
Charleston County  
South Carolina

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## COMMERCIAL BUILDING FRONT

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Address: 226 Meeting Street, Charleston, Charleston County,  
South Carolina.

Present Occupant: I. Ginsberg, Inc.

Present Use: Warehouse.

Statement of Significance: A mid-19th century (built c. 1850) cast-iron commercial building with interesting architectural features and ornamental details.

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

- A. Condition: Poor. Areas are rusty and paint is peeling off. Some small sections are broken. The front is not maintained, especially the upper portion; building is cast iron.
- B. Over-all dimensions: Four stories, three bays in width, 20' frontage.
- C. First Story: Arcaded, with Roman Corinthian pilasters at the ends and columns between; ornamental archivolt. Spandrels are ornamented in relief--conventional foliage with stalks centered over columns and pilasters. Above is a frieze with an arcaded motive, at each end of which is a large foliated corbel carrying a projecting block with a panel in the face, containing symmetrical leafy scrolls. Between these blocks is an ornamented cornice. Openings are presently filled with plate glass windows and semicircular transoms.
- D. Second Story: Arcaded, with four paneled pilasters bearing Corinthianesque capitals. Inside each opening is an ornamented cove molding with a leaf at the crown. Spandrel ornament and cornice are like those of the first story except that the frieze is plain. In two openings are wood double-hung sash, perhaps original; six panes below and six above, in addition to four panes in the form of sectors.
- E. Third Story: The same as the second story except for being of lesser height. One window remains, with four panes in the lower sash.
- F. Fourth Story: Three segmental-arched windows and paneled Ionic pilasters. Only upper half of sash remain, with six panes. Above the center of each window is a small leafy rosette, with a spandrel panel on each side. Above this is a frieze with coarse dentils at the top. Two small simple consoles above the inner piers and a large console with

acanthus leaf at each end, support the overhang of the cornice, which contains six panels in the soffit. Above the end consoles are blocks bearing lions' heads--the corona and cymatium of the cornice extend between them. At the crown is a horizontal panel with small pedestals at the ends, with a double-leafy scroll at each end.

- G. Site: This building is on the east side of Meeting Street, between Pinckney and Hasell Streets; faces west.

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